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Revise the following passage.

### Give Me the City Life!

(1) “We’re moving where? (2) No way!”

(3) That was my first reaction when my parents announced we were selling our farm and moving to the city. (4) I had lived in the country my entire life. (5) I wasn’t interested in urban traffic, crowded sidewalks, or air pollution. (6) The city wouldn’t have any of the cool things the country had to offer.

(7) Despite my protests, our family soon moved into a small apartment inside a box-shaped building. (8) And to my surprise, that move was one of the best things that has ever happened to me. (9) The big city has proved to be a wonderful place to live!

(10) First, urban life is convenient. (11) When I want a book, it’s a short walk to the library. (12) A few more blocks takes me to the market and to my favorite ice-cream shop. (13) I can walk to the bike store to get a tire fixed, and then a bike path that takes me straight to the park. (14) City life gives me access to basketball courts and baseball diamonds. (15) While country living brought long school-bus rides each day, I can now walk or bike to school in minutes. (16) And since I don’t have to hop right on the bus at the end of the school day, I can participate in after-school activities or shoot hoops with my friends on the basketball court.

(17) Speaking of friends, a city’s large population means there are plenty of people to get to know. (18) In fact, I’ve made interesting friends of all ages and types. (19) In my opinion, this diversity is the greatest thing a city has to offer. (20) Our neighborhood, for example, is composed of people from various ethnic backgrounds and with different lifestyles. (21) The commercial district near our apartment offers restaurants featuring foods from around the world. (22) Although my apartment home is smaller than the country house, it has expanded in new ways.

(23) Granted, I’ve missed my weekend horseback rides and the freedom to roam the meadows and hills. (24) City life, however, offers other stuff. (25) I can see major league ball games, go to a science museum, or visit the zoo. (26) I had expected urban life to limit my freedom, but it has actually enhanced it. (27) I’ve learned to navigate the city by bus, which has given me independence and access to new experiences.

(28) My parents have found more varied job opportunities in the city, and I’ve found more variety in my own life. (29) Although I never expected to come to this conclusion, I can now say that the city is the best place to live.